

**2019 Prep Girls Rules**  
**Harlan/Hoagland/Monroeville/Woodburn**

1. This is a Coach Pitch League.
2. Baselines shall be sixty (60) feet.
3. Pitching distance from home plate to pitching rubber shall be (35ft). Pitching circle will be a sixteen (16) foot diameter circle. Both pitchers feet must remain in the circle for the duration of the pitch. We want to train players to watch the ball all the way to the plate. If the coach pitcher does step outside of the circle with any part of the foot, the play is dead but the pitch does count as one of the 6 pitches for that batter.
4. The game will consist of six (6) innings or 1 hour and 15 minute time limit, whichever comes first. And no inning to start after that time. Games can end in a tie. If the score is tied at the end of regulation play, no extra innings will be played.
5. Field ten (10) players with a minimum of eight (8) players. Standard call up rules apply. Coach's may fill roster with T-Ball participants with parental permission.
6. Outfielders start in outfield. Cannot be extra infielders.
7. Every player must play at least every other defensive inning.
8. Use 10" flexball softballs.
9. Three outs or ten (10) batters per inning. When the 10th batter is coming to bat, that coach shall notify the opposing team's coach that it is their last batter for that inning. If the announcement is not made, the batter is declared out. Play stops as soon as an out is made or as soon as the player pitcher has control of the ball inside the pitcher circle.
10. All players in attendance must be in batting line up.
11. Each batter gets (6) pitches, with (3) strikes as an out. The last pitch must be swung at or batter is out, unless foul tip. Batter will continue to bat until she is out or on base.
12. No Bunting, walks, stealing, head first slides or lead offs.
13. For purposes of encouraging concentration on the bases, runners may leave the base after the ball crosses the plate. Players will be warned for leading off or leaving early the first time, player will be out on second offense.
14. A batted ball must pass the 10' line to be allowed.
15. There is a limit of one (1) base per overthrown batted ball. On overthrows to first base, all but the batter may advance (1) base. (This is to encourage throwing attempt at first base)
16. A batted ball to the pitcher in the circle is a live ball for making a play at first or any other base of the pitchers choice.

17. Only one base on any overthrown ball. Players should be encouraged to make a play on a base runner to stop play (tagging, force or looking a runner back), then get the ball to the player-pitcher. The ball is dead and the play over when the player-pitcher has control of the ball inside the pitching circle. Runner(s) not past the halfway point (30ft) to the next base, must return without being put out. Coaches will make the decision for each play.  
The intent is to train the players to stop runner advancement, then get the ball to the pitcher. Runner(s) can only advance one base on the first overthrown ball to the player-pitcher. At this point, the coach would declare the ball dead. (2019 Revised)
18. Infield fly rules do not apply.
19. Any interference by coaches makes that play dead, and the batter will do over where they left off. Coach's discretion from both teams on this. Pitch will not be counted toward 6 pitches allowed.
20. A batter will be warned for throwing the bat. The second infraction will result in the batter being declared out and all runners being returned to their previous bases.
21. Age determination: Age as of the 1st of Jan prior to opening day for girls.  
Prep girls ages: (5) with approval of board, (6) & (7), (8) tryout for Minor Girls.
22. Home team coach is responsible for setting up the field and providing someone to work the score board and tearing down the field. This includes raking around bases and low spots.
23. First and second place tournament trophies (or other awards) only, will be awarded. (2019 Revised)  
League standings are based on the following: teams overall record, head to head record, defensive runs allowed, offensive runs allowed  
Coaches are responsible for reporting game scores to the division representative or "rep".  
The division rep will gather and maintain standings for tournament seeding. (2019 Revision).  
These standings are only against teams in that league.
24. If a sick or injured player leaves the game and a substitute is not available, that position in the batting order will be skipped without penalty. There will not be an out counted against the team.
25. No coach's options on these rules.
26. Facemasks are mandatory for the player-pitchers to wear.  
Facemasks are encouraged for all infield players. (2019 Revised)